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Money Store closing

North Carolina parent company locked into lease as employees laid off

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

(A City of West Sacramento press release contributed to this report.)

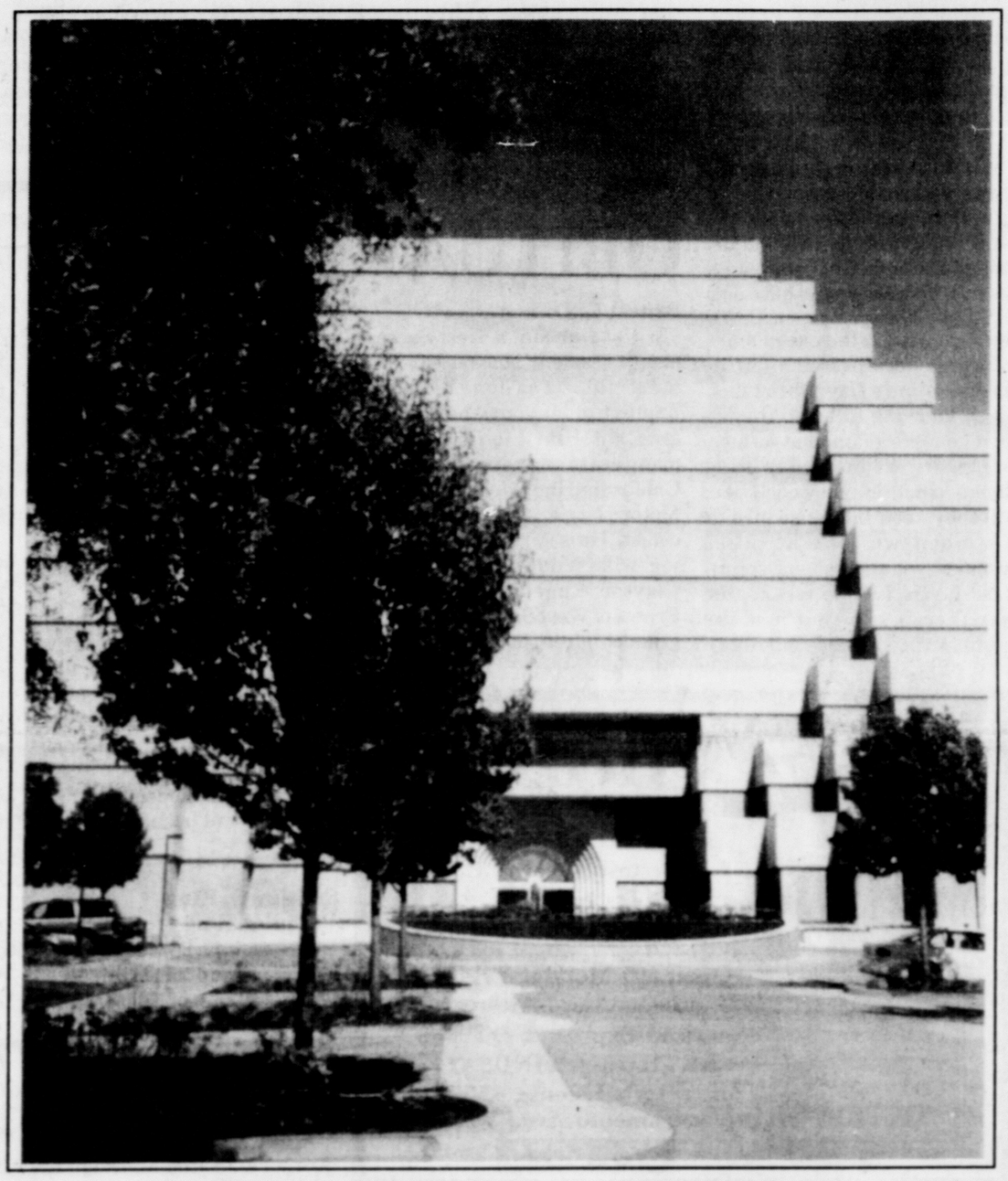
West Sacramento received a shock on Monday with the announcement that First Union Corp. is closing its Money Store lending operations. The Money Store has, since 1998, made its home in West Sacramento's most prominent office building – the tan-colored "ziggurat" building on the city's waterfront.

About 1,600 employees in the area received pink slips. The Money Store had a 21-year lease with the building owner, a subsidiary of Zurich Insurance Co. of Switzerland.

The new building has become a landmark for the Sacramento area, and helped focus development interest on the West Sacramento riverfront. Prospects for a new tenant at the building are unknown.

"You can't turn back the clock, said West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. "The revitalization of the waterfront is bigger than one company. The Money Store ziggurat, along with the River Walk and Raley Field, have created an energy in the waterfront area that will continue for years to come."

The Money Store building also includes a four-story high atrium that last Friday served as the site for the annual "State of the City" address and dinner, co-hosted by the City of West Sacramento and the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.



MONEY STORE entrance on Third St. (News-Ledger photo)

Chamber director Don Hill said that with the Money Store's closure, "we lost a good friend."

"The Money Store was very helpful to the chamber and community," he said.

He said that he felt the building would be successfully leased to a new tenant.

"If they were to 'piecemeal it,' I don't think they would have trouble filling it," said Hill. "But I think they'll try to lease it to one organization."

Mayor Cabaldon said that some West Sacramento residents lost jobs in the closure, and that businesses such as nearby Sal's Tacos or Carol's Restaurant might miss the trade from the employees' lunch business.

"We have no way of telling" how many of the employees were local, he added. "It's not likely that a majority of the 1,600 jobs were held by people living in West Sacramento."

And, asked about hopes to find a new tenant at the building, Cabaldon added that he was "optimistic we're going to fill that up rather quickly."

First Union, based in North Carolina, will continue to service The Money Store's loans until the loans are retired. The company has another major facility in Sacramento, and about 1,500 employees in the region. First Union bought The Money Store in 1998 for $2.1 billion. The company was expected to lose nearly $70 million this year.

Mayor Cabaldon plans to use 'bully pulpit' for schools

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER CABALDON

At his "State of the City" address to community members Friday, West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon outlined plans to form an unusual "mayor's blue ribbon commission" on school excellence.

The city and local school district are governed separately.

The commission "will be a team of civic leaders with no elected West Sacramento leaders or council members on it," Cabaldon explained afterwards. "It will include corporate leaders and employees – people who have experience in education, particularly in school reform and school district restructuring."

As a committee appointed by Cabaldon, he added, "it is not an action of the city."

Cabaldon said that concerns that the schools are not the city's direct responsibility are "true to a point," but added that the quality of local schools is of major interest to the community and city. After dealing with issues such as clean water, flood protection and other important items, he said, the quality of schools has become the next critical issue for West Sacramento.

Forming a mayor's blue ribbon committee allows him to use his "bully pulpit" to promote school quality, Cabaldon added.

"(Local schools) have a mixed report card," he said. "There are a lot of good things going on in the schools. River City High School does a good job compared to other schools like it, and there are a couple of other schools that are standouts. But at Westfield Elementary, 85 percent of the kids are not up to the national average in any subject. At Golden State Middle School, two-thirds of the students are below average in every single subject. There are some real challenges in the schools."

Cabaldon's plan is reminiscent of actions of the late Sacramento Mayor Joe Serna several years ago. Serna used his own "bully pulpit" as Sacramento mayor to agitate for change in the troubled Sacramento City Unified School District. Partly as a result of his pressure and focus of attention, much of the district's leadership was changed.

Cabaldon did not offer specifics of what actions he might push for within W.U.S.D. But he said that the commission would be asked to come up with ways to "keep what was good and change what was bad" in the district.

School board president Ardeene Westvik could not immediately be reached for comment on Cabaldon's proposal, and vice president Dave Farmer said he did not know enough about Cabaldon's proposal to offer a comment.

Cabaldon said he had talked to a couple of the board members privately, and they seemed receptive to the idea of his commission.

"I expect the school district will welcome the work of the commission and cooperate with its work," Cabaldon told the *News-Ledger*.

He said he would name the commission's membership this week.

Fireworks show planned for Monday—

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

Returning by popular demand for the fourth year is Bridgefest, the free Independence Day fireworks extravaganza celebrating American independence and West Sacramento pride and progress. The celebration will be held Monday, July 3.

The Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge is the best viewing location for the fireworks with plenty of open seating on the bridge. Live music will be featured in the City Hall parking lot prior to the show, along with a wide assortment of food and beverages for sale. Also returning this year is the children's fun area, which provides numerous activities for young people of all ages.

Bridgefest 2000 is sponsored by the Southport Industrial Park partnership of Ramco Enterprises, Summit Commercial, the Port of Sacramento, and Bridgeway Island. The event is produced by the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, in association with the City of West Sacramento.

"Once again we're very proud to be a sponsor of what we consider to be West Sacramento's finest civic event," said Danny Ramos, vice president of Ramco Enterprises. "Every year the celebration seems to get bigger and better and it's wonderful to see so many West Sacramentans all in one place and having such a good time. It's become a great example of West Sacramento pride and progress and it's my favorite local event of the year."

Schedule of Events:

6:00 p.m.: Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge closes.

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.: Live music in the City Hall parking lot, 2101 Stone Boulevard, along with youth activities in the Children's fun area.

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.: Food and beverages for all ages will be on sale in the City Hall parking lot.

9:30 p.m.: Fireworks! Shooting the show for the fourth year will be Boom Boom Productions. Bring along a blanket or folding chair and enjoy the show from the bridge!

For more information, please call the Chamber, 371-7042.

Early deadline

The July 4th holiday next week will cause the *News-Ledger* to go to print earlier than usual.

Your news submissions will still be accepted by Friday, as usual.

But classified ads and legal notices (usually accepted as late as Monday) must also be at the *News-Ledger* offices by Friday this week for consideration in the July 5 issue of the newspaper.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vineyard-threatening pest found in West Sac

Last Thursday, inspectors from the Yolo County Department of Agriculture found 3 live adult Glassy-winged Sharpshooters in a landscape nursery shipment destined to West Sacramento's Southport Industrial Park. The Glassy-winged Sharpshooter is a non-native leafhopper insect that poses a serious threat to California's $12 billion dollar grape and wine industry. The insect spreads the bacteria that causes Pierce's disease, which kills grape vines.

Winegrapes are currently the second leading crop in Yolo County, generating $46.8 million dollars in 1998.

Governor Gray Davis has asked for and received federal aid to fight the pest and Vice President Al Gore recently acknowledged that, "This pest could devastate the California grape and wine industry."

Please see PEST, page eight

Correction

A typographical error in a *News-Ledger* article last week resulted in the wrong name for a State Assembly member who negotiated with local officials over language in a state office site bill he authored.

The Assemblyman was Darrell Steinberg.

The *News-Ledger* regrets the error.

Computers join in as humans continue battle of sexes

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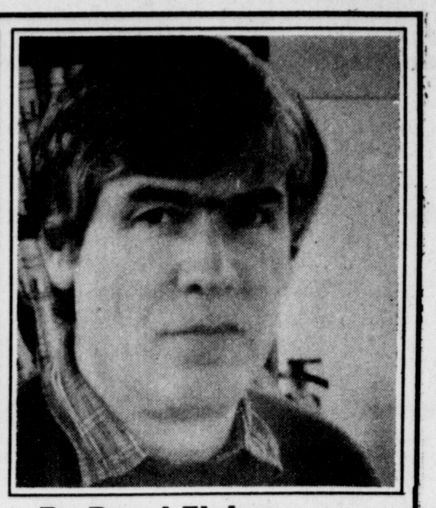


By Daryl Fisher

My daughter recently handed me a book and said, "You really gotta read this, Dad. You won't be able to put it down."

"What's it about?" I asked her, reluctantly taking the book from her.

"It's called *Ten Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up Their Lives* and everybody is reading it."

"Is that right?" I asked. "Who wrote it?

"A psychotherapist with her own talk show named Dr. Laura Schlessinger. A lot of people don't particularly like her because she is so opinionated, but some of the things she says in her book sure make a lot of sense. Especially the part about women not having anyone to blame but themselves if they're unhappy and their lives are a mess."

"I don't know," I said, quickly thumbing through the book, "but something tells me that a guy can get himself into a lot of trouble reading a book about the ten stupid things women do to mess up their lives. Plus the number is probably quite a bit higher." When my daughter didn't laugh, or even smile, I quickly added, "See, now that's exactly what I mean. Take this thing away from me! It'll end up in the column. Do not let me read it!"

Dr. Schlessinger takes her first shot at men by prefacing her book with the following poem by Ella Wilcox: *"It ever has been since time began, and ever will be, till time lose breath, that love is a mood -- no more -- to man, and love to a woman is life or death."*

Then she goes on to explain that since most men are jerks, women need to stop being so darn stupid. More specifically, they (1) need to stop making stupid attachments, where women typically look to a man to find and define themselves; (2) they need to avoid stupid courtships, the kind where women are so desperate to have a man that they become beggars instead of choosers; (3) they need to stop all that stupid devotion stuff; (4) they need to avoid all that stupid passion, because if a woman has sex too soon or too romantically, nothing good will come from it; (5) No stupid cohabitation before marriage, for all the obvious reasons; (6) lower all those stupid expectations, because guys are, well, you know, guys; (7) avoid any stupid conceptions, because making babies is no way to jump-start love, personal growth and commitment; (8) none of that stupid subjugation, where women hold themselves hostage to their own obsessive need for security and attachment; (9) stop that stupid helplessness stuff, where women are too scared and insecure to deal with their own rage; (10) and finally, stop all of that stupid forgiving.

Now, although I wouldn't think of seriously listening to anything a radio psychotherapist has to say on any subject (with the possible exception of Dr. Frazier Crane) it does seem to me that Dr. Schlessinger has made a number of interesting suggestions. However, I wish she would have also included 'The Ten Stupid Things Women Do To Mess Up **Men's** Lives', to wit: (1) they keep making us buy them all those darn presents (birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's Day, Christmas, etc.), knowing full well they're just going to get mad at us anyway when we inevitably bring home something they don't like; (2) they keep taking swings at us when we look at other women, yet they spend countless hours (whole weekends, even) trying to find just the right outfit to make men notice them; (3) they insist on dragging us to other people's weddings, never understanding just how sad those things make us; (4) they keep asking us to talk to them, then they take our words out of context and hang us with them; (5) they tell us that money means absolutely nothing to them, then look at us really funny when we mention that working has never really been one of our priorities; (6) they want us to make more of an effort at smelling better, but don't have the courage to come right out and say it; (7) they swear that taking them out to dinner is a spiritual experience, when in reality they just want to avoid another night of cooking and doing dishes; (8) they tell us they're tired of buying our clothes, then rag on us when we bring home a bag full of Mervin's specials; (9) they are always saying comforting things like "I'll love you forever -- just don't get fat or go bald"; (10) and finally, they swear that we are 'babe magnets' and wonderful love machines, when in reality, the truth is that on six nights out of seven, they would gladly trade each and every one of us in on a good book or a leisurely phone conversation with one of their girlfriends.

A further example of the masculine/feminine divide follows:

A language instructor was explaining to her class that Italian nouns, unlike their English counterparts, are grammatically designated as masculine or feminine. "Words like 'chalk' or 'pencil'", she explained, "have a gender association, although in English these words are neutral."

Puzzled, one of her students raised his hand and asked, "What gender is a computer?"

The teacher wasn't certain which it was, so she divided the class into two groups and asked them to decide if a computer should be masculine or feminine. One group was comprised of all the women in the class, and the other was made up of all the men. Both groups were asked to give four reasons for their recommendation.

The group of women concluded that computers should definitely be referred to in the masculine gender because:

1. In order to get their attention, you have to turn them on.
2. They have a lot of data but are still clueless.
3. They are supposed to help you solve your problems, but half the time they ARE the problem.
4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that, if you had only waited just a little longer, you could have had a better model.

The group of men, on the other hand, decided that computers should be referred to in the feminine gender because:

1. No one but their creator understands their internal logic.
2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
4. And as soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories for it.

OBITUARIES

Ernest C. Duncan

Ernest Duncan, a West Sacramento resident since 1940, entered into rest on June 24, 2000. A native of Missouri, he worked for California Liquid Gas for many years and retired from the California Highway Patrol as a Motor Carrier Operations Specialist. He is survived by his loving wife, Vada, his two sons, Clayton Eugene and Gordon Ernest of West Sacramento, four grandchildren, five great grandchildren, five sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of West Sacramento.

Friends and family are invited to attend funeral services at River Cities Funeral Chapel, 910 Soule Street, W. Sacramento, on Wednesday, June 28, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. Private interment will follow the services.

Flowers may be sent to the funeral chapel at the address noted above or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Yolo Hospice, PO Box 1014, Davis, CA 95617, or your favorite charity.

Clayton will be deeply missed by family and friends alike.

Stanley G. King

Stanley King died in Sacramento on June 26, 2000. He was the husband of Mildred C. "Chris" King of West Sacramento; the father of K.C. King of Washington, Kerry King of Sacramento, Jeff List of Wilton, Tracey Prim of Los Altos, Kelley Cantrell of Elverta, and the late Kimberly List; the loving grandfather of Sean King, Ryan Turley, Hana King, Teal, Kiegon & Kelsey List, Melissa, Bryan & Cody Cantrell, Gwen, Tenise, Chase & Kyle Ambler; and the brother of the late Douglas King.

Mr. King was a veteran of WWII and served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was an active member of 27 years of Alcoholics Anonymous and he had an accounting practice in Sacramento and Yolo counties for the past 50 years. He was a past president of the West Sacramento and Yolo Chambers of Commerce, the Society of California Accountants, and the East Yolo County Center for Alcoholic and Drug Programs. He was also an avid scuba diver and world traveler.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services on Friday, June 30, in the Land Park Chapel of Harry A. Nauman & Son, 4041 Freeport Blvd, Sacramento.

In uniform

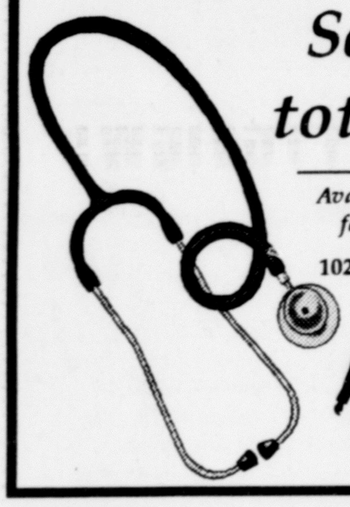
Army Pvt. Aaron M. Daigh has graduated from the light-wheel vehicle mechanic advanced individual training (AIT) course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina.

He earned distinction as an honor graduate of the training.

Daigh is the son of Linda R. Martinez of West Sacramento, California and Harmon L. Daigh of Caldwell, Idaho.

Pvt. Daigh is a 1999 graduate of River City High School.

Chandan Cheema, M.D.
Sandra Ashley, Nurse Practitioner



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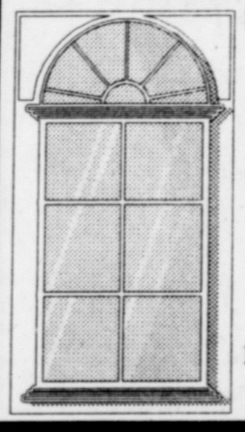

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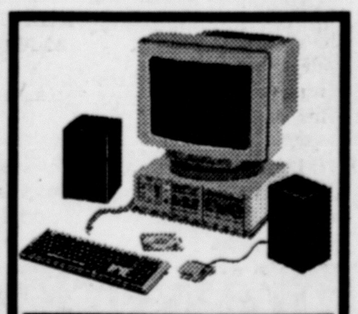

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Chavez, Nikita
Combs, Benjamin
Dyachenko, Mikhail
Eckman, Randi
Fesenko, Yelena
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Garcia, Rosendo Jr.
Garifullin, Petr
Grant, Benjamin
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Heffington, Steven
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Chavez, Gisela
Gonzalez, Cristina
Fazel, Khalida
Hassanpur, Farishta
Heather, Rose
Koell, Brian
Kvasha, Olga
Lopuga, Aleksandr
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Tariq, Kiran
Vue, Mai
Vang, Xao

Two Years:

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Hassan, Noreen
Naizi, Mearjuddin
Neverov, Viktoriya
Sumeshwar, Shalini
Westphal, Kyle
Yang, Leslis
Yip, Heather

Three Years:

Litovka, Yana
Ortega, Raoul
Rivers, Shannon
Parkison, Krystle

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Physical Education:
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Stefanie Callison
Yelizaveta Karpekin
Alexey Mistyuk
Tiffany Santos

Math:
Rosendo Garcia
Maika Lee
Jeremy Miller
Justin Salinas
Qadar Tariz
Martel Washington

English:
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Amit Lal
Wendy Pratt

Science:
Selwyn Chand
Amit Lal
Thomas Sanders

Special Education:
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Lourena Moniz
Mikhail Minnikov
Jason Phongsavanh

History:
Justin Lopez
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ECL:
Yelena Korableva
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Physical Education:
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Sports Quiz
by Chris Richcreek

1. How many times has Major League Baseball expanded into Seattle?
2. Entering this season, who was the last American League pitcher to hit a grand slam?
3. How many times did Jim McMahon lead Division-I college football in passing efficiency while at Brigham Young University?
4. Before this year's NBA playoffs, who were the last teammates to each score 40 or more points in a single playoff game?
5. How many times has Alex Lalas been named soccer's "U.S. Player of the Year"?
6. Entering 2000, which winners saw the most parity by having the fewest repeat winners in Winston Cup racing events in a single season?
7. What event has golfer Seve Ballesteros won more times — the British Open or the Masters?

Ortiz makes Triple-A All Star team; River Cats welcome Steve Decker

The Sacramento River Cats announced that second baseman Jose Ortiz has been named to the Pacific Coast League roster for the 2000 Triple-A All-Star Game. The rosters were announced last Thursday by the Pacific Coast League Office in Colorado Springs, Co.

Ortiz, 23, is hitting .325 (92 for 283) with 11 HR and 53 RBI in 73 games with Sacramento. The Pacific Coast League's leader in hits (92), Ortiz leads the River Cats in hits, runs (58), doubles (18), home runs (11), and runs batted in (53).

The Triple A All-Star Game, which will feature top Pacific Coast League and International League prospects, will be played Wednesday, July 12 at 4:30 p.m. (PST) at Frontier Field, Rochester, N.Y., home of the Rochester Red Wings.

In other River Cats news, catcher/first baseman Steve Decker has been signed by the Oakland Athletics and assigned to the River Cats. To make room for Decker on Sacramento's active roster, catcher Cody McKay has been assigned to Midland (Double-A).

Decker, 34, was recently released by the Anaheim Angels after hitting .302 with 8 HR and 35 RBI in 48 games this season with Triple-A Edmonton. He played parts of seven seasons in the major leagues, including 263 games with the San Francisco Giants.

The River Cats have begun a four-game series with the Edmonton Trappers at Telus Field in Edmonton. They will remain on the road until July 4, when they return to West Sacramento to begin a six-game homestand with three games against the Tacoma Rainiers.

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By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor

The Palamidessi family moved to the West Sacramento area in 1935. At first they farmed crops like tomatoes, alfalfa, corn and sugar beets, but by the late 1930s, they found themselves getting seriously into the restaurant business. They didn't know it at the time, but with the opening of Jefferson Boulevard's Club Pheasant, which was called the Golden Pheasant at first, the Palamidessi family had started an extremely successful business which would still be going strong more than 60 years later.

"For generations, just about everyone in my family has played an important role in making Club Pheasant what it is today," explained Pete Palamidessi, Jr., who along with his brother Paul and his sister Patti, currently own and operate the restaurant. Another brother, Perry, just recently decided to give the real estate business a try, but for the past four years, he, too, was part of the new generation of Palamidessi's which has taken over the reins of Club Pheasant from their parents, Peter and Lorraine.

"One of the reasons we all try so hard around here," said Paul Palamidessi, "is that we definitely don't want to be the generation to screw things up. My parents and their parents before them sacrificed everything to make Club Pheasant a success and believe me, we're going to do everything we can to keep things moving in the right direction."

Club Pheasant added patio space for outdoor dining a few years ago and with three new housing subdivisions currently under construction in Southport, the highly respected restaurant's future seems to be a bright one indeed.

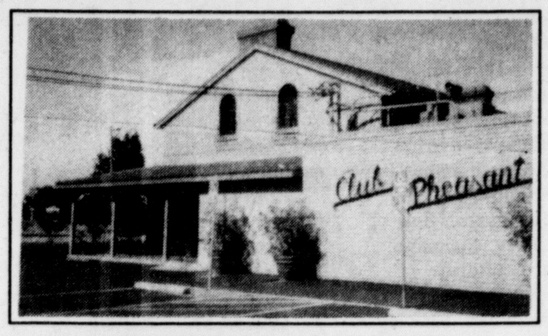
"But there comes a time in the restaurant business," said Paul, "when you really don't need to get much bigger, you just need to take good care of what you have, and I think Club Pheasant is pretty much at that point."

Brother Pete agreed, saying, "We may add some more banquet space in the future, but the important thing right now is to continue to provide excellent service to our very loyal customers and make sure we keep the quality of our food at the highest standard possible."

"Many of our customers have been coming back for years and years and they are almost like part of our family now," said Patti Palamidessi, whose many responsibilities at the restaurant include handling the reservations and hiring the waiters and waitresses. "We are also proud of the fact that a lot of young people in West Sacramento have received their first job experience here at Club Pheasant as busboys, busgirls, waiters and waitresses. The whole staff tries very hard to work as a team and I continue to find it very rewarding when we've all done our jobs correctly and the customer goes home happy and satisfied with their dining experience at Club Pheasant."

Club Pheasant has long been famous for its garlic steak sandwiches, ravioli, and oven fried chicken, and most of the recipes that are used were passed down from Pete, Paul, and Patti's grandmother.

"If it's not broke, you don't fix it," said Paul, "and we're very happy with the way the food we serve has been received by our customers over the years. Our parents also taught us that because we're a restaurant that caters to families as well as individuals, it's important to keep prices reasonable and we've always tried very hard to do that."



CLUB PHEASANT: a landmark

"To have a quality restaurant like Club Pheasant is very important to a city like ours," said Don Hill, the Executive Director of the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce. "People from all over the Sacramento region eat at Club Pheasant and they've earned their fine reputation. Plus the Chamber holds its monthly meeting there and our members always enjoy spending time at Club Pheasant."

"One of the biggest reasons I have kept going back to Club Pheasant over the years is the Palamidessi family itself," explained Clark Cameron, former Yolo County Supervisor. "Not only can you count on the quality of the food, but the Palamidessi's always make it an enjoyable place to eat and spend time."

"There's not a doubt in my mind that the new generation of Palamidessi's will be just as successful as the generations who went before them," said Frank Ramos of Ramco Enterprises, "and I know that to be a fact because they are the children of Pete and Lorraine Palamidessi, two of the finest people I have ever known. They raised those kids right and none of them are afraid of hard work. You should see them at the restaurant on Mondays, their day off, scrubbing and cleaning the place from one end to the other. Club Pheasant, just like the Palamidessi family, is something all of West Sacramento can be very proud of."

"Our parents gave us 20 years to learn the restaurant business before they passed Club Pheasant on to us," said Pete Palamidessi Jr., "and now that I look back on it, I think that was the right way to go about it. That gave us a chance to spend a lot of quality time with our own children when they were young and we wouldn't have been able to do that if we had been spending as many hours at the restaurant as we do now."

With Patti handling the banquets, scheduling and supervising the staff, and with Pete and Paul doing just about everything else, Club Pheasant continues to run as smoothly as ever.

"Everyone just pitches in and does whatever has to be done, and that's the way it's always been," said Pete. "The goal is to continue to grow and prosper, but it's just as important to do it as one big happy family. My parents still help out whenever they can, my wife, Joyce does a wonderful job with the books, and the next generation of Palamidessi's are starting to get their feet wet, too. Our parents taught us early on that the most important thing is to love one another, and to tell you the truth, I really believe that's why Club Pheasant is still going strong after 60 years."

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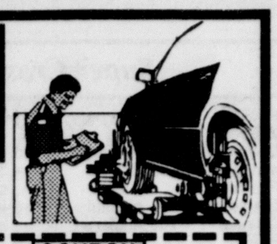

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 10, 2000
File No. 2000-366
The following person is doing business as Super Saver Food; Super Saver, 34 West Court Street, Woodland, CA 95695:
Lucky Stores, Inc., (a Florida corporation), 250 Parkcenter Blvd., PO Box 20, Boise ID 83726.
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/1/1995.
/s/Julie Thomson Backe/
Assistant Corporate Secretary
Lucky Stores, Inc.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUN 13, 2000
File No. 2000-445
The following person is doing business as Picture Express, 8780 Longmore Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628:
Hanging Burl, Inc., a California corporation, 8780 Longmore Way, Fair Oaks, CA 95628.
This business is conducted by a Corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 2-01-00.
/s/Scott J. Davis, President
Hanging Burl, Inc.
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 12, 2000
File No. 2000-371
The following person is doing business as Cat Clinic of Davis, 1351A W. Covell Blvd., Davis, CA 95616:
Saburo James Kaneko and Kathleen Joan Kaneko, 533 Hermosa Pl., Davis, CA 95616.
This business is conducted by Husband and Wife. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5-12-2000.
/s/Jim Kaneko
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC LIEN SALE
Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, in accordance with provisions of Section 21700 et seq of the Business & Profession Code of the State of California, of public sale of the contents of the storage spaces named below, which consist of misc. personal property, household, garage, office furn., yard, household items, vehicles, trailers, to satisfy a landlord lien. Complete terms and inspection prior to sale which will be held on the 11th day of July in the County of Yolo, State of California at 2600 Evergreen Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691 at 9:00 a.m.
D10 Dawn Olson; A83 Shana Bodderij-Jack Miller; B71 Patricia Pinzon Moreno; C8 Thomas E. Saltzman; C29 Edgardo Perez/ Brenda Perez; C80 Annette Palmer/Dennis; RV20 Nicholas E. Nardy.
Bob Kolak Auction Service Lic. A468
June 21 28

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUN 5, 2000
File No. 2000-408
The following person is doing business as FLUIR, 1000 Fredricks St., Woodland CA 95776:
Shannon Kathleen Johnson, same address .
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on June 5, 2000.
/s/Shannon K. Johnson
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by: /s/Kim Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUN 12, 2000
File No. 2000-437
The following person is doing business as FABRIC DESIGNS.COM, 627 First St., Woodland, CA 95695:
Marjorie B. McWilliams, same address.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/12/00.
/s/Marjorie B. McWilliams
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Date: JUN 12, 2000
by: /s/Victoria Barnes, Deputy Clerk
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed JUN 09, 2000
File No. 2000-428
The following person is doing business as MJO & Company, 2008 Alta Loma St., Davis, CA 95616:
Mary Jo Birks.
This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6-9-00.
/s/Mary Jo Birks
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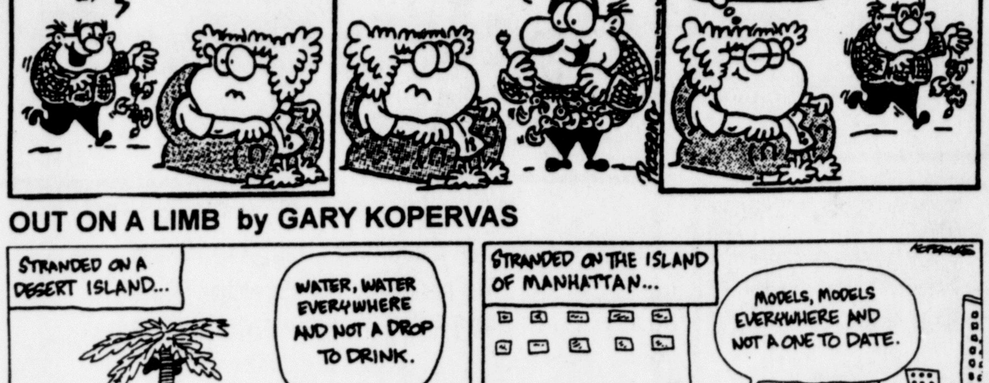
June 21 28 July 5 12

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T.S. No. 00-13186 Loan No. 1850395 TSG No. 480949
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 07/09/1999 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the real property known as 2973 Denise Court, West Sacramento, CA 95691 Assessor's Parcel Number 045-421-17 will be sold at public auction at the main entrance to the City Hall, 2101 Stone Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA on 07/12/2000, at 1:00 P.M., to the highest bidder, payable at the time of sale, for cash a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in Financial Code section 5102 and authorized to do business in California. The sale will be made without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to satisfy the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust executed by Deeann Demianew and David A. Demianew, as trustor. Recorded on 08/12/1999, Instrument 1999-0025096, of Official Records of Yolo, County, California. The total amount secured by said instrument as of the time of initial publication of the notice is $114,443.84, estimated, which includes the total amount of the unpaid balance (including accrued and unpaid interest) and reasonably estimated costs, expenses, and advances at the time of initial publication of this notice. Dated: 06/15/2000 **Premier Trust Deed Services, Inc.**, 3 ADA, Irvine, California 92618, Trustee Sale Information Number (916) 387-7728, **Premier Trust Deed Services, Inc.** By: Heather Blood, Asst. Secretary. ASAP394548 6/21, 6/28, 7/5

PUZZLES & COMICS

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING


LOOK HONEY, I BOUGHT A STRING OF NEON PINK FLAMINGO LIGHTS!!!
THEY'LL LOOK GREAT OVER THE FIREPLACE!!
THEY'LL LOOK EVEN BETTER "INSIDE" THE FIREPLACE.

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

STRANDED ON A DESERT ISLAND...
WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE AND NOT A DROP TO DRINK.
STRANDED ON THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN...
MODELS, MODELS EVERYWHERE AND NOT A ONE TO DATE.
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BRINGING UP FATHER
by FRANK JOHNSON
OH-OH,...MAGGIE'S GOING TO ASK ME FOR MONEY!
HOW CAN YOU TELL?
MY WALLET IS GETTING WARM!
JIGGS, I NEED FIFTY DOLLARS!
I WANT A NEW STEREO!
I WANT A NEW COAT!
I WANT A STEAK!
SQUAWK! I WANT A CRACKER!
YOU, TOO?!

POPEYE
ISN'T THIS A BEAUTIFUL DAY FOR A WALK?
EXCEPT WHEN YA RUN INTA GUYS LIKE HIM!
THERE GOES A TOTAL WASTE OF SKIN!
POPEYE! I'M SURPRISED AT YOU!
DIDN'T YOU EVER HEAR THE ADAGE?...
"IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT SOMEONE, DON'T SAY ANYTHING AT ALL!"
WELL, OLIVE...
...KIN YA TELL ME ONE GOOD THING ABOUT HIM?
HOW ABOUT THIS...
...HE'S A GOOD EXAMPLE OF A TOTAL WASTE OF SKIN!

R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND

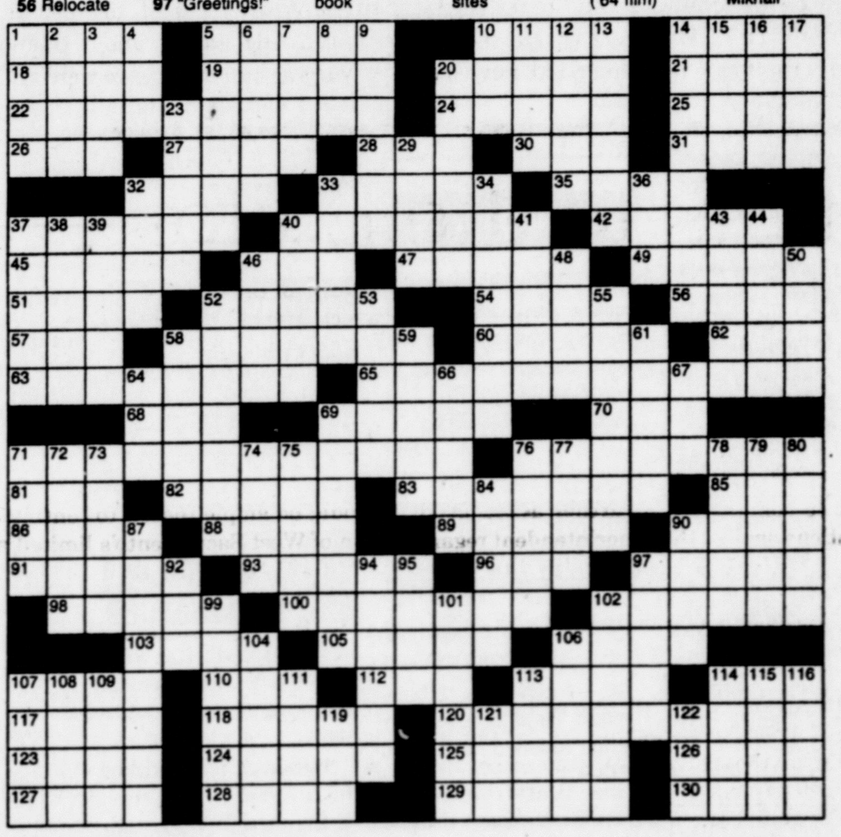
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
www.keefestudios.com
AS HE IS SEIZED BY THE CYCLOPS, BLAZE TURNS HIS BODY INTO A LIVING INFERNO...
...ONLY TO SUCCUMB TO THE MONSTER'S POWERFULLY CHILLING GRIP!
WITH BLAZE OUT OF THE WAY, THE GIANT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO A SMOLDERING SECTION OF THE GROUND AT HIS FEET.
I'M OUT OF LUCK.
I'VE BEEN SPOTTED!
WITH ONLY A BLASTER I HAVEN'T A PRAYER!
SUDDENLY, A LITHE FIGURE DASHES BETWEEN FLASH AND THE ICE GIANT...
HOLD!
TO BE CONTINUED..!

For answers, please see the box on the back page.

Super Crossword

ACROSS
1 Israel's Barak
5 "Fie!"
10 Traffic sound
14 Beer ingredient
18 It's nothing
19 "From the Terrace" author
20 Fusillade
21 Not quite closed
22 KINGLY BREW
24 Start
25 Actor Andrews
26 Parrot
27 Charity
28 Party animal?
30 Formicary denizen
31 Final
32 Loose
33 Like opposites
35 Pitch
37 Dump on
40 Can opener
42 Harp part
45 Crop up
46 Part of EEC
47 Golden —
49 Merchandise
51 Navel store?
52 Disseminate
54 Flat hats
56 Relocate
57 Rock's — Zeppelin
58 Ubiquitous songbird
60 Faultless
62 Clarke or Questel
63 HURT FRIENDS
65 "GIDDYUP!" OR "HOOCHIE MAMA!"
68 Fumble
69 Net type
70 "Jurassic Park" stuff
71 RODMAN FELL FROM GRACE
76 ENTHUSIASTIC SINGER
81 Japanese statesman
82 Category
83 Gets back
85 Relative of un-
86 Sporting saddles
88 Autumn implement
89 Distribute the donuts
90 Word with camp or tree
91 Artist Rousseau
93 Intrinsically
96 Mauna —
97 "Greetings!"
98 Find out
100 Did business
102 He had a lot of Gaul
103 Angler's danglers
105 Fear
106 "You — Hurry Love" ('66 hit)
107 Society
110 Sweater letter
112 Gumshoe
113 Toil
114 August one
117 "Damn Yankees" siren
118 Electronic device
120 SWEATERS ARE OFFENSIVE
123 "Kismet" character
124 — fell swoop
125 Government game
126 Where to find a zebu
127 Man the bar
128 Dweeb
129 Producer Coen
130 Chatterley or Windermere

DOWN
1 Biblical book
2 Dickens villain
3 Prod
4 '50 film noir classic
5 It's on the bee's knees
6 "It's a —" ('70 song)
7 Witches
8 Live and breathe
9 Pop Art pioneer
10 Outlaw
11 Lohengrin's love
12 Happening
13 KETTLE COVER
14 PRODUCED CHEESE
15 Trojan War hero
16 Turner or Wood
17 Soho streetcar
20 Beethoven creation
23 Sweatshirt size
29 Parisian pronoun
32 '78 Stallone flick
33 More theoretical
34 Doctorow novel
36 Fresh
37 Shopping sites
38 Historian Durant
39 Hunt or Hamilton
40 Acts catty?
41 Blender part
43 Fragrance
44 Actor Burton
46 And more of the same
48 Part of ER
50 Go after
52 Less plentiful
53 Roused
55 Food fish
58 Bit of parsley
59 More ironic
61 — a hand (aids)
64 Grunter's grounds
66 Llama turf
67 Deranged
69 Looked like Hook?
71 Word with side or satellite
72 Lucy's landlady
73 Peter of Herman's Hermits
74 Cinch
75 Vexed
76 Hitter Hank
77 "— Las Vegas" ('64 film)
78 Baal and Elvis
79 Stringed instrument
80 Philanthropist Brooke
84 Very cold
87 BORING POET
90 Exemplar of redness
92 Private pension
94 French philosopher
95 Gen. Robt. —
97 "Big" star
99 SWIPE BROOCH
101 Undertake
102 "The Silent Spring" author
104 Macbeth, for one
106 Terra —
107 Thicken
108 Capital of Togo
109 — Bator
111 Borodin's "Prince —"
113 Using
114 Hartman or Kudrow
115 Geraint's lady
116 Adequate
119 Purpose
121 "— again!"
122 Chess champion Mikhail



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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

MAGIC MAZE — MASTERS GOLF CHAMPIONS

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R R E L L E O Z R R P N N L J
H E C A R R U Y E W V A T R P
D N L K I E P M N G G N H R E
C A B Z X Y L N S O E W G E U
S W E R P A E D H Z O M N G L
J I O N P L S U A L K C I N G
E D B O S P A R W T Y X S A W
U T S O D L A F Q P S O N L L
K J N N O S T A W H G F D C B

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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Crenshaw	Nelson	Sarazen	Watson
Faldo	Nicklaus	Singh	Woods
Hogan	Palmer	Snead	

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OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial:

Full of Democrats, but hardly liberal

Registered Democrats outnumber registered Republicans in West Sacramento 7,405 to 3,384 – a margin of over two to one. But despite the dominance of the more "liberal" of America's two major parties in this city, West Sacramento is a fairly conservative town. Any analysis of the city's politics must look deeper than simply party membership, and will run squarely into the fact that local residents are not as "liberal" as their party affiliation implies.

For example:

■ You might consider that West Sacramento's support of a school bond last year was a sign of "liberal" values. But this city isn't really a "pro-school bond" community.

Liberal voters tend to support school bonds, agreeing to tax themselves in order to spend more on public education. It is true that West Sacramento's taxpayers approved the 1999 school bond measure. But they did so only after rejecting two previous school bond measures that were larger and more ambitious. The more recent, successful measure worked only because it dropped plans for a much-needed new high school campus, reduced taxpayer costs, and stuck to a strategy of renovating the school district's existing campuses. It was, in fact, a "conservative" school bond.

Even then, the bond measure only passed with a very small portion of the city's voters turning out for a special election. A regular election, with a full turnout of voters, probably would have brought a different result.

■ This year, voters here soundly supported Proposition 122, which sought to head off California's recognition of anyone else's same sex marriages. The measure was thoroughly conservative, arguing in favor of conservative "family values" and against a re-definition of marriage that included homosexual unions.

County-wide, this conservative measure fared much worse than in West Sacramento. Here, supporters outnumbered opponents by a margin of 4,181 to 2,673. Contrast that with the turnout in Davis, which opposed the conservative ballot measure by a margin of more than two to one. Countywide, support and opposition for the anti-gay rights ballot measure were about even.

■ An art ordinance for West Sacramento can't get off the ground.

Using government to promote or enhance art in public places is a classic "liberal" concept, and anathema to those who believe private property rights reign supreme. That's why it doesn't fly in West Sacramento.

■ The tree preservation here has no teeth: along the same lines as an art ordinance, the tree ordinance seeks to enhance community quality of life by infringing on private property rights. West Sacramento's ordinance, though, does very little to preserve the trees and very much to preserve developers' rights. It is about as conservative as a tree preservation ordinance can get while still being a tree preservation ordinance.

■ A child care ordinance, as you recall, was shot down in its infancy several years ago, primarily by opposition of the Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber, at the time, felt that even though the ordinance was leaning towards promoting child care by offering incentives to local businesses, it was dangerous. In the future, it could be modified to add taxes and regulations, it was felt.

It should be noted that the current chamber leadership might have an entirely different view of such an ordinance. But by shying away from even the most benign attempt to encourage businesses to help with employees' child care needs, the business community several years ago was sticking to an extremely conservative agenda.

■ A few years ago, the city had a chance to "master plan" its undeveloped southern half. In keeping with local philosophy, city government eventually chose a plan that paid great respect to property interests while steering clear of "radical" attempts to limit urban sprawl. The resulting plan made developers happy. Respect for property rights and disdain for any infringement on these rights is a hallmark of conservatism.

The city leans so solidly to the conservative side of the "middle," especially on social issues, that one might expect the Republican party to prevail in membership. Indeed, West Sacramento's Democratic makeup is probably more a legacy of its working class heritage than of any kind of widespread liberal ideals.

Letters to the Editor

Fire Kelleher

I'm appalled at the injustices that continue to unfold regarding the superintendent of the Washington Unified School District. At the June 22, 2000, school board meeting I approached the board asking the school board members what their intentions were regarding the superintendent and his spending of district funds for his attendance at an albino conference. I further asked about the allegations against the superintendent regarding the political reception hosted by this school district for the county superintendent seat (Mr. Ayala being the only one invited). I was expecting Ardeene Westvik to answer just as she did, "that it's a personnel matter."

During the break of the school board meeting, I approached board member Irene Eklund and asked her what the school board's intentions were as to the allegations of the illegal activities regarding Dr. Kelleher. Mrs. Eklund stated they would be investigating the allegations. Then I approached board member Ed Hocking. Mr. Hocking also told me that they would look into the allegations against the superintendent. Mr. Hocking further stated the community had a right to know. I have to agree, if the superintendent is illegally spending district funds, most of those funds are coming from this community. I believe the school board members should also consider the fact that the district's lawyer was contacted and asked for a legal opinion (how much did that cost the district?) regarding the remarks made from Cherry Carroll at a previous school board meeting. Since when if a school employee chooses to come to a public forum and state her opinion are the legal issues looked into by the district lawyer using district funds!

Dr. Kelleher should be fired for the illegal spending of district funds. These funds should be going to better the education of the young citizens of this community. Further, I have to question why Ardeene Westvik and Dave Farmer continue to cover-up and make excuses for Dr. Kelleher's actions.

RONNA KEPHART
West Sacramento

Old trees are assets

Thank you for alerting the public to the lack of interest in preserving heritage trees or any other trees and features that matter that have made this a pleasant community (*News-Ledger*, June 7).

In response to your expressed concern about allowing a developer to cut down the giant cottonwood tree, Parks and Community Services Director, Don Schatzel, said he, "would have acted differently if it were an oak tree."

Well, we don't know what the difference would be, but the oak tree would still be cut and mulched as he plans for the two beautiful oaks in front of 1400 Linden Road that have been approved for elimination for improvements related to the new subdivision, although they had to struggle for a reason since assuring the developers of maximum profit doesn't seem to be a factor in their decision.

From their actions or lack thereof, the "enforcers" will put forth any reason to remove a tree if the developer or power broker does not have the design competence or will to include the tree in the subdivision design or have the imagination to think up a "legal" reason for its removal.

Heck, all the trees need trimming at some time, which probably will be a cost to someone, which apparently more than satisfies the city code interpretation of these slash and chop folks for destroying these community assets. That cottonwood, two oaks, and other trees someone wants to chop down probably won't live much more than another 100 years anyway, so removal today should be ample reason to continue the destruction of West Sacramento's limited assets.

HAROLD B. TURNER
West Sacramento

Kelleher & Farmer harming school district

For those of you who were unable to attend the school board meeting on June 27th, if you can watch it on cable, it will be well worth your while.

The opening act began with Kim Gibson's attorney, Richard Burton, addressing the Board about what he termed "damage control" with regard to his client's litigation. You may recall that Kim Gibson is the district employee that Dr. Kelleher filed criminal charges against with the West Sacramento Police Department who then forwarded the complaint to the District Attorney who in turn is deciding whether to continue criminal proceedings. Kim Gibson was accused of embezzlement and grand theft of time. It is alleged, in the police report, that Kim Gibson was paid to attend computer classes but she "never" attended any of the classes for which she was scheduled.

In my last letter I recounted the incident and reported that Dr. Kelleher went (actually I said sneaked) over to the Police Department to file charges without even informing the School Board. I believed that because Dr. Kelleher stated so in his exclusive interview with the West Sacramento Press. However, the police report clearly states that Lt. Dave Farmer hand carried a manilla envelope with evidence to the detective who wrote the report and instructed the detective to contact Dr. Kelleher. So, either Dr. Kelleher didn't tell the truth or both the West Sacramento Police Department detective and the West Sacramento Press got their stories wrong.

Mr. Burton provided copies of several documents, including the referenced police report, which I believe this community should know about.

First, he presented certificates of completion in Kim Gibson's name for classes she is alleged to have "never" attended according to the police report.

Second, Mr. Burton presented copies of sign-in-sheets used by the computer school that Kim Gibson is alleged to have "never" attended. Her signature is clearly entered in the space next to her name.

Third, and probably as equally disturbing to me, is a copy of a letter from Washington Unified School District's private attorney sent to Mr. Burton regarding Cherry Carroll's testimony at a previous meeting. At a school board meeting several weeks ago when Mr. Burton addressed the Board and made a meet and confer offer on behalf of his client, Cherry Carroll, who happens to be a school district employee, addressed the board testifying about the performance and character of Kim Gibson which, in the opinion of Mr. Burton, slandered his client. Mr. Burton advised Cherry Carroll that the remarks she made had opened her up to a civil suit for slander.

Soon after that meeting, a district office employee requested a legal opinion of the district's private counsel regarding the liability to Cherry Carroll for making such remarks. A three page opinion was prepared and sent to Mr. Burton. The question is, why should we, the taxpayers of West Sacramento, allow the WUSD to use our monies, monies slated for educating our children, to represent the legal interests of private citizens in our community? If the administration is willing to sanction this misappropriation of our money how can we be sure that they are making legitimate expenditures with the rest of the money?

Additionally, what about a school board member who participates in this kind of underhanded activity? Clearly, if Kim Gibson can present certificates of completion of courses and sign-in-sheets for other classes, the allegation that she "never" attended the training is false and therefore Dr. Kelleher and Lt. Dave Farmer have filed a false police report in an effort to get the District Attorney to prosecute the case.

Let's see if I have this right? Our superintendent, to whom we pay over $105,000 a year, filed charges against a school district employee which subjects this district to huge liability but has yet to discuss it with the school board; our superintendent used public monies earmarked for the education of our children to provide legal advice to a private citizen; our superintendent knew that Kim Gibson had attended at least those computer classes for which he has personal possession of certificates of completion, yet he proceeded to file a police report stating that she had "never" attended any of the classes, thereby committing the crime of filing a false police report; our superintendent has yet to answer the allegations about misspent district funds to attend an albino conference; nor has he addressed the issue of sponsoring a political reception using district resources and in total defiance of the legal opinion which advised him of the impropriety of such event and which opinion was paid for with district monies; and finally, a superintendent who, in an exclusive interview with the newspaper, lied about his involvement in the Kim Gibson matter.

We have a school board member who is also a law enforcement officer. He hand carried documents from the school district office to the police department and directed one of his employees to contact Dr. Kelleher to get the story. Dave Farmer knew or should have known that the police report he reviewed and approved was false yet he signed it anyway. Now, he wants to continue to participate in the school board's discussions regarding Kim Gibson and refuses to believe that this would present a conflict of interest. When confronted by Kim Gibson's attorney, Dave Farmer now wants the school board to have all the evidence (even that which has not been produced to Kim's lawyer, a further legal violation). Why didn't Dave Farmer share all of this information with his fellow board members back in February when he first toted that manilla envelope to the Police Department?

Finally, does the Yolo County District Attorney's office not have enough to do in this county without spending precious legal resources on a case that if they totally win, will amount to $3,700.

All I know is this. The responsibility for disciplining the superintendent lies solely with the members of the WUSD School Board and until now, at least the majority members have chosen not to participate in any disciplinary action. The voters of this community, and perhaps Yolo County, really need to take a look and ask themselves what have these elected officials done for us lately. The question shouldn't be what have they done to us lately.

SANDY BLAZAK
West Sacramento

Oil prices not a surprise

In the spring of 1990, crude oil was $15 a barrel. In August of 1990, Kuwait was invaded. We were asked to protect the oil fields of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. In January, 1991, we did, with the help of 11 other countries and U.N. approval. The Saudi's agreed to pay our military costs, and they did.

Today, OPEC is recouping those costs. Today crude oil is $33 a barrel and not going down while we deplete their oil reserves; which they realize. They have to "make hay" while they can. Meanwhile, our reserves are intact.

Our strategists are at work. So brace yourselves. It will get worse before the electric cars are inexpensive.

The fossil fuel orgy is winding down.

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America's role in the next century

River City High School student Mugeda Ferouz recently received the "Voice of Democracy" scholarship from West Sacramento's VFW #8762. Her essay, entitled America's Role in the Next Century, appears in its entirety below:

MUGEDA FEROUZ

River City High School

Every now and then, we as Americans must reflect on why and what makes America the global leader it is. The answer lies not in the fact that America has the strongest army in the world. For just over a decade ago, the Soviet Union at least equaled, if not surpassed America's military power. But their's was not a free society. The United States, on the other hand, is a country founded on individual liberty and justice. And that is why in a world full of so much conflict and uncertainty, the United States of America stands out unique

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Weighing the sewage choice: independence versus cost

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The West Sacramento City Council last Wednesday received a briefing on negotiations to hook the city up with Sacramento County's regional sewage treatment plant.

Steve Patek, the city's community development director, outlined the city's options. He said that, at 5.5 million gallons per day, the city's current plant on South River Road is not yet dangerously close to its 7.5 million gallons per day capacity. But growth is coming, he added, and "it takes a long time to bring a sewage plant on line."

"Really there are two different options," said Patek. "Either we do something on this side of the river by building a new plant or expanding our plant, or we connect to the other side of the river in Elk Grove."

Sacramento's regional sanitation officials, meanwhile, are hoping to pipe sewage from the growing North Natomas area across the river and through West Sacramento on its way to Elk Grove. This option would spare them from the expense of having to dig up urbanized, downtown areas including 24th St. in Sacramento.

So they are negotiating with West Sacramento to allow this option, and possibly to hook West Sacramento users up to the line as well. If they can agree on a price to hook up West Sacramento, he said, using the Sacramento treatment plant could be $2 or $3 cheaper per month for residential customers in West Sacramento, with proportionate savings for businesses.

Council member Greg Potnick said that Sacramento sanitation officials have "moved to all the West Sacramento points (of argument)" and that "it's obvious to me that Sacramento Regional has a huge stake in getting the Lower Northwest Interceptor through West Sacramento."

He added, though, that some issues remain – including the issue of "how Sacramento Regional is going to project future costs" to users in West Sacramento. In other words, he wondered, how can we be sure rates and fees won't go up?

"Where is the guarantee rates are going to stay lower?" echoed council member Bill Kristoff.

Kristoff also added that he wanted to make sure West Sacramento's current employees at the sewage plant were properly taken care of in terms of their labor contract. They could be hired by the Sacramento district with terms similar to those here, he said.

Council member Jim Cahill also expressed concern about future costs should West Sacramento hook up to Sacramento's lines. He worried that West Sacramento might be "forced to pay more than our fair share of debt service for the entire Sacramento region" and that "rates might go up (for us) because they want to build something in Folsom."

"I value autonomy and control of our destiny more than a savings of a dollar or two per month," added Cahill.

Mayor Christopher Cabaldon commented that some people had urged him to use Sacramento's need for a West Sacramento sewage pathway as a lever for "blackmail." But he said that he did not favor this approach, because it did not promote West Sacramento's long-term interests in the region.

Sacramento County, he pointed out, did not "hand us a list of things they wanted" when they stepped up to help finance the new ballpark in West Sacramento. Give-and-take was an approach he better favored.

"We're regional not just when it comes to sewage, but when it comes to other issues like the port," he said. "We're treated like a colony when it comes to the largest piece of real estate in this city."

Solving that problem, which involves working with Sacramento officials, could be part of a "broader conversation about regionalism," said Cabaldon. Using "blackmail" in the sewage negotiations would hinder these talks, he implied.

West Sacramento plans a public workshop on the decision of whether to keep sewage service local or connect to the Elk Grove plant. The workshop will be held on July 13 at 6 p.m. at 1350 Halyard Dr. The discussion will include preliminary "principles of agreement" under which current West Sacramento sewage users would hook up to the new pipeline in West Sacramento in six to ten years, with no connection fee. After that, they would pay the same rates as Sacramento customers. Currently, those rates are lower than those paid in West Sacramento.

For information, call Caroline Quinn, 373-5854.

Filing dates for city, schools

Candidates' filing dates for the local school board and city council have been announced.

The Yolo County Office of Education announces that there are three school board seats scheduled for election in the Nov. 7 vote. Trustees with terms expiring are Ed Hocking, Patricia Flint and Evelyn Irene Eklund. Terms are for four years.

"Declaration of Candidacy" papers may be filed by Washington Unified School District candidates between July 13 and Aug. 11. Should any incumbent not file for re-election, there will be an extension for challengers to file before Aug. 16.

For further information, call the county elections department, (530) 666-8133.

The City of West Sacramento will have three city council seats up for election on the same Nov. 7 ballot.

Four-year terms currently filled by Greg Potnick, Bill Kristoff and Mark Montemayor will be up for re-election. Potnick has indicated unofficially that he will not file for re-election.

For the city council, filing dates are July 17 to Aug. 11, with a five-day extension to Aug. 16 should any incumbent fail to file to run again. For further information on running for West Sacramento City Council, contact City Clerk Helen Kanowsky at 373-5800.

There are currently no local ballot initiatives scheduled for the Nov. 7 election.

Shopping for architectural answers

LEFT TO RIGHT: Planning commissioner Oscar Villegas; Planning director Stephen Patek (back to camera); planner Rebecca Van Buren; planner Steve Rikala at Laguna West

West Sacramento's planning commission last Thursday went on tour.

Six of the commission's seven members showed up for a special "mobile workshop," touring subdivisions in Natomas and Laguna West, as well as this city's own Southport region. The goal was to collect ideas on how to meet building and architectural challenges – creating more appealing neighborhoods without bankrupting developers and builders.

The tour included a discussion of how the sides and backs of homes should be treated for appeal when they are seen from an adjacent boulevard. It also included a look at some 45-foot wide home lots in Laguna West which featured detached, set-back garages. That type of design was described by one local builder as "impossible."

Organizing the tour was city planner Rebecca Van Buren. Also participating were planner Steve Rikala and planning director Steve Patek.

Although the meeting was open to the public and a *News-Ledger* reporter attended, no other members of the public participated in the tour.

Planning commission members will share ideas and proposals from the tour at an upcoming planning commission meeting.

Attorney fires back at school district

The attorney for a Washington Unified School District employee accused of "theft of time" made a presentation to the school board last week accusing top administrators of filing a false police report.

Richard Burton, attorney for Kim Gibson, told the board that his client had proof of attendance for some of the computer classes she was paid to attend, but which the criminal complaint alleged she "never" attended. Burton also criticized school board member David Farmer, who is a police lieutenant, for overseeing the police investigation, alleging a conflict of interest in the two roles.

The board did not respond to the nuts and bolts of Burton's charges, but Farmer and Burton did get into a heated debate over the propriety of Farmer's oversight of the investigation.

The complaint alleges that the district lost about $4,500 in Gibson's wages and benefits, and in payments to the computer training school she was supposed to attend.

Golden State matriculates

PART OF LAST WEEK'S GRADUATING CLASS at Golden State Middle School was Natalie Blacklaw, shown here receiving her certificate from WUSD trustee Irene Eklund (left).

(Yes, this is nepotism: photo by Natalie's dad, Barry Blacklaw)

PEST from page one

The federal government has declared a state of emergency, freeing approximately $37 million dollars to fight the disease, which also attacks almonds, alfalfa, ornamental plants and different fruits.

The pest has previously been found in a number of Southern California counties and has been slowly making its way north. Most of the discoveries have been made during inspections of nurseries and landscaping companies. It kills by carrying a bacterium (Xyella fastidiosa) which causes blockage of the water-conducting system of the plant.

Two years ago the sharpshooter destroyed a third of the grape vineyards in Riverside County and spraying to kill the insect has already begun in Tulare County and may start soon in Fresno County.

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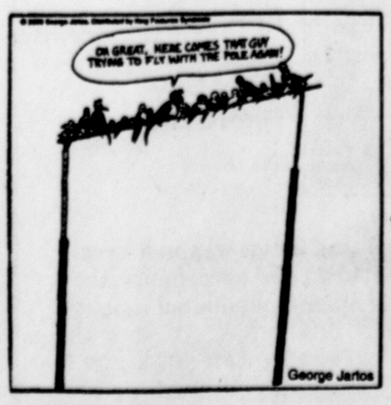
John Glenn shops for furniture.

"Right, kids! Kiss goodnight to the television and then off to bed."



"But I don't want to call them all Joey! Don't I have a say in the matter?"

"My boss wants us to appeal to a younger and hipper crowd. So I'd like to get a tattoo that says 'Accounting Rules!'"

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City waits for repairs, plans to move back to Stone Blvd. rental space

Apparent gray area in lease terms as repairs stretch beyond six months

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

Repairs to the vandalized former city hall building on Stone Blvd. have slowed. But the City of West Sacramento still hopes to move back into the facility before December.

"We had to figure out what the insurance is going to cover and not cover," said Dan Ramos, speaking on behalf of owners Frank Ramos and Buzz Oates. "Once we got everything exposed in terms of the ceiling, it makes sense to upgrade the building. We're going to put a new roof on it."

Asbestos abatement was another concern, he said. As long as the asbestos in ceilings at the 2101 Stone Blvd. building had remained undisturbed, it did not become a health threat. But vandals broke into the building one night last December and flooded much of it by turning on fire hoses – damaging floors and the ceilings underneath.

Dan Ramos said that remaining work on the building would take an estimated 120 days, following about 30 days spent obtaining work permits.

Assistant City Manager Carol Richardson reported last week, following a meeting with the landlords' representatives, that the city still plans to move back in to Stone Blvd. following the repairs.

"They said they were committed to working with their insurance company to do the repairs on the building," said Richardson. "They know we have to be in as quickly as possible, and (if the city has to extend its lease on its current Halyard Dr. location) we have to give notice here by Nov. 12. And we don't want to move in December, because city employees last year had their holidays disrupted and we don't want to do that again."

Meanwhile, the city's lease of the Stone Blvd. building is still in effect, but is being paid by insurance. Insurance also covers the difference between the Stone Blvd. lease and the Halyard Dr. lease, since the Halyard Dr. rate is higher.

The lease terms on the Stone Blvd. said that if damage to the building were declared by the owners to be "partial," and fixable within six months, the city would remain obligated to honor the rest of the lease and move back in when the facility was fixed. Had they declared the damage more permanent – not reparable within six months – the city would have been free to walk away from the lease.

The actual situation fell in between the two cases. The owners declared the damage to be reparable within six months, but that time has elapsed with repairs still incomplete.

"The lease doesn't speak to the situation of the landlord initially declaring it a partial disruption, and then going beyond six months on the repairs," said Richardson.

Meanwhile, the city is pursuing construction of a new city hall and is checking the feasibility of a city-owned site at 1124 West Capitol Ave. (a former Taco Bell and former country music bar). Plans for the complex are still tentative and the new facility will be ready "no earlier than 18 months," said Richardson.

The real completion date for a new city hall could be quite a bit longer, she added.

No arrests have been made in the Stone Blvd. vandalism case.

Police log

June 22, 8 a.m.
A man reported that someone had entered his vehicle and stolen several items at Somerset Dr.

June 22, 11:20 p.m.
A security guard for a Rice Ave. business reported that he was held at gunpoint by four to six suspects while they brought in trucks and stole two tractor trailers filled with food items. They bound him with duct tape before getting away.

June 23, 12:20 a.m.
A spectator at a baseball game reported his vehicle was stolen while he watched the game. An officer determined the man was inebriated and had forgotten where he parked the car; the car was located.

June 23, 8:45 a.m.
An F St. man reported to police that someone had taken his dentures.

June 23, 8:50 a.m.
Police received a call that a vehicle was in the barge canal near the Palamidessi Bridge. The car was found partly submerged.
After an attempt to phone the registered owner was unsuccessful, the car was towed.

June 23, 2:30 p.m.
A West Capitol Ave. motel reported that a suspect had entered its laundry room and taken 20 towels, 15 pillow cases and some shower mats, leaving in a car with the items.

June 23, 4:20 p.m.
A 43-year old female was identified by a check cashing business as the woman who tried to pass a fake $500 money order. She was arrested.

June 24, 7:45 p.m.
A 30-year old North Highlands man was asked to leave a baseball stadium because he was intoxicated. He refused. A police officer attempted to escort him out, but he pulled away and "assumed a fighting stance" with a closed fist. An officer sprayed him with pepper spray, and the man became combative. Three officers subdued and arrested him.

June 24, 7:55 p.m.
A West Capitol woman said her 47-year old ex-husband kicked her in the stomach with his booted foot during a dispute. There was no visible injury, but the woman placed the man under citizen's arrest.

June 25, 11:35 a.m.
On Bell Circle, a woman reported that a man came into her home with a large knife and threatened to kill another man. The male victim used a shovel to defend himself and to smash the windows of the suspect's vehicle. The suspect separately reported to police that he had been attacked with a shovel.

June 25, 6:15 p.m.
An officer saw a man using a "slim jim" to try to get into a locked car. The suspect told the officer a friend in jail had given him permission to break into the car and retrieve some items. Police contacted the jail, which reported that the friend wasn't there. The suspect was arrested.

Jail personnel later told police that they had contacted the friend, who had indeed given the suspect permission to enter his car. The suspect was released from custody.

June 25, 6:33 p.m.
A Pecan St. man saw his nephew and an acquaintance leaving the man's apartment with his VCR. Stereo equipment was also found to be missing.

June 25, 7:49 p.m.
A West Capitol woman reported that both her roommate and her car were missing; she suspected the roommate had taken it.

AMERICA from page seven

among other nations.

As General Colin Powell puts it, "because this country continues to be an expression of individual liberty, America, in essence, represents the human spirit among the affairs of nations." The U.S. has always been quick to help out the people of the world that have been under oppression.

We, the people of the United States, must continue to make it our duty to stand for what is just and right in the world. This will surely have its rewards as we have seen. Many countries in the world now bow to the demands of the United States, whether they be economical demands or demands of another sort.

Take Kuwait for example. As you may remember, in 1900, Kuwait was liberated by the Americans from the hands of the tyrannical Saddam Hussein regime. As a result, crude oil is now sold cheaper to the U.S. than bottled water. Even if the Kuwaities would want to raise the prices, because the U.S. released them from tyranny, it is America that sets the prices for them.

> 'When faced with tyrants, America must accept its responsibility to be prepared to fight the aggression.'

America does not seek to become an imperial power and should not in the future. Instead, this is a nation that respects and will in the future respect the sovereignty of other nations. "True security does not come from empire and domination," explains former U.S. President George Bush. "True security can only be found in the growing trust of free peoples."

Therefore it is clear that America must act with force only when people suffer the aggression of tyrants. However, when faced with tyrants, America must accept its responsibility to be prepared to fight the aggression when necessary.

For instance, recently, in the Balkans, a minority group was oppressed by the Serbian majority, under the leadership of Slobadan Milosevic. America could not just stand by and watch as the Kosovars were being systematically massacred. The U.S. approached Serbia with a mixture of diplomacy and punishment. Therefore the situation was changed for the better of the Kosovars. Now the United States should make the pledge to the Kosovar people that never again will people with guns come in the night. Never again will houses and villages be burned. And never again will there be massacres and mass graves. Let us, the people of the United States of America pledge that in Kosovo or in anyplace else in the world, there will be a new birth of freedom, based on tolerance, law, and respect for every human life.

In the future, you and I, as Americans should always be able to say that we have done all that can be done to bring justice to the people of the world.

In local government

The school board of the **Washington Unified School District** will meet at 5 p.m. on June 29 at the district office boardroom, 930 Westacre Rd., to hold a public hearing and consider adoption of the district's 2000-2001 budget.

The **Northern Sacramento Water Forum** will host a panel discussion on June 29 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Maxwell Inn in Maxwell, California.

The panel will focus on habitat restoration programs and the intent of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program to coordinate its Sacramento River conservation efforts through the SB 1086 process. The Water Forum includes public and private members from Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yuba and Yolo counties.

The **West Sacramento Economic Development Advisory Commission (EDAC)** will meet at 6 p.m. tonight at 1350 Halyard Dr. in West Sacramento.

Chief agenda item is a presentation on the marketing of properties currently owned by the West Sacramento Redevelopment Agency.

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Local Scene

Bible camp

Youths between 3 and 15 are invited for a "crash course in faith" at the "Hope and Glory" Bible camp out sponsored by the Community Lutheran Church. Parents are welcome to sleep over as well. Friday, July 7, 5 p.m., to Sat., July 8 at 5 p.m. No cost. Call 371-8804.

Computer classes

The West Sacramento Center of Sacramento City College is offering computer classes for both the novice and experienced user. Classes include beginning computers, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access, and Windows. Each class meets 15 times beginning July 3. Cost for state residents is only $11. The Center is at 1275 Halyard Dr., Suite 175 in West Sacramento; call 375-5511 for information.

Shakespeare

The Sacramento Shakespeare Festival returns June 30 through Aug. 6 at William Land Park. Opening with "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the festival will continue with "The Tempest" beginning July 7. Parking is available for $1 on 15th Ave.; the box office opens at 6 p.m. on show nights and tickets are $10 general admission and $8 for students, seniors, SARTA members and those with disabilities. Picnics and beverages are permitted; blankets and jackets are encouraged. Ticket sales begin June 14. Call 558-2228 for information.

Swap meet

There will be a swap meet on Sat., Aug. 5, beginning at 8 a.m. at the Bryte V.F.W. post at 1708 Lisbon St. Call 371-9126 or 373-1908 for information; cost to rent a table is $5.

Tennis camp

The city of West Sacrament' Parks Dept. is sponsoring a summer tennis class for youths age 7-17 at the River City High School tennis courts. Three sessions run from 6/26-7/7, 7/24-8/4, and 8/7-8/18. Cost is $25 per session. For information, call 373-5860.

Weight loss

"TOPS" (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), a weight loss support group, meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the West Sacramento Senior Center, 664 Cummins Way #61. Call 372-0751 or 1-800-932-8677 for information.

Senior Spin

The semi-final playoff contest of Senior Spin, the West Sacramento Senior Center's take-off on the Wheel of Fortune TV game show, airs this month on Cable TV Channel 21. The show repeats every day at 6:30 p.m. and additionally at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Stadium available

Local non-profit groups are invited to apply for use of the new Raley Field stadium, which will be made available to the community for 20 dates between June 17 and March 1. Applications are due by July 31. Call the West Sacramento Parks and Community Services Dept., at 373-5860, for an application and further information.

Preschool

The Washington Unified School District offers parent-participation preschool classes at Bryte (morning and afternoon year-round), Westmore Oaks (afternoon), Evergreen (morning), Westfield (afternoon), Alyce Norman (afternoon) and Elkhorn (English in morning; bilingual in afternoon) elementary schools. Three and a half hours of instruction, including lunch, is provided during the school schedule Monday through Friday. Cal Works beneficiaries and limited income families may be eligible. Call 375-7640 for information.

Arts & Crafts

Every second Saturday, June through October, the City of West Sacramento sponsors an Arts and Crafts Fair at River Walk Park at the Grand Staircase from 8 a.m. to noon. Park on E and F streets between 2nd and 3rd, or along 2nd St. For information, call 373-5819.

Yolo Fair

Signups are beginning for Yolo County Fair entries, as the fair opens Aug. 16. Divisions include photography, baking, clothing, preserved foods, arts, crafts, hobbies and junior livestock, with these divisions closing June 30 in senior and junior divisions. Catalogs are available at the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, 1414 Merkley Ave.

Summer reading

Although the Yolo Co. Bookmobile is on hold due to mechanical problems, the library has set up a "deposit site" of 125-150 children's books at each of five county locations for patrons use. Locally, this includes a book site at the Holly Court Apartments, 445 Maple St., West Sacramento (372-0160). Books are available beginning June 13 in both English and Spanish.

Library activities

Summer activities are beginning at the West Sacramento branch of the county library, 1212 Merkley Ave. Programs include a summer reading club and teen reading club, running through Aug. 12. Preschool storytime will be held Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in English and 11:30 a.m. in Spanish. School age programs begin select Saturdays, including a 3 p.m. June 17 program on mummies. Harry Potter and Snapes Laboratory will be featured July 8. Weekly programs for schoolchildren begin June 21 and run through July 26 at 2 p.m. Call 375-6465 for more information. Sponsored by East Yolo Friends of the Library.

July 4 barbecue

V.F.W. Post 8762 and its auxiliary, at 905 Drever St., are hosting a July 4 barbecue beginning at 4 p.m. A $5 donation is requested. Call 371-7245 for information.

Taco Night

Taco Night returns to the West Sacramento Moose Lodge at 3240 Jefferson Blvd, running Wednesday nights through Aug. 30. Members, their families and guests are invited.

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West Sac's library has new titles for your enjoyment

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The following new books have recently arrived at the Arthur F. Turner Library:

"Roads: Driving America's Great Highways" by Larry McMurtry.

"Scientific American Science Desk Reference: Everything You Need to Know About Science - From the Origins of Life to the Ends of the Universe" (library use only).

"Female Gangs in America: Essays on Girls, Gangs, and Gender" Edited by Meda Chesney-Lind and John M. Hagedorn.

"In a Sunburned Country" by Bill Bryson.

"Overcoming Male Infertility: Understanding Its Causes and Treatments" by Leslie R. Schover, Ph. D., and Anthony J. Thomas, JR., M.D.

New books for kids:

"Bunnicula Strikes Again!" by James Howe.

"Ruthie Bolton-Holifield: Sharpshooting Playmaker" by Terri Morgan.

"Arthur and the Poetry Contest" by Marc Brown.

"Encyclopedia Brown and the Case of the Slippery Salamander" by Donald J. Sobol.

Call 375-6465 for information and library hours.

Yolo entry wins patrol car award

The Yolo County Sheriff's Dept. entered one of its newly designed patrol cars in a hot rod and law enforcement vehicle show in Sparks, Nevada, on June 10. The local entry won the event's "Chief's Pick for Best of Show."

The patrol car featured a new logo designed by Advanced Graphix of Little Canada, Minnesota, and Yolo Sheriff's service technician Martha Griffin. It competed against entries from over 20 other agencies from California and Nevada. Yolo deputies Mike Glaser and Ray Holguin displayed the car.

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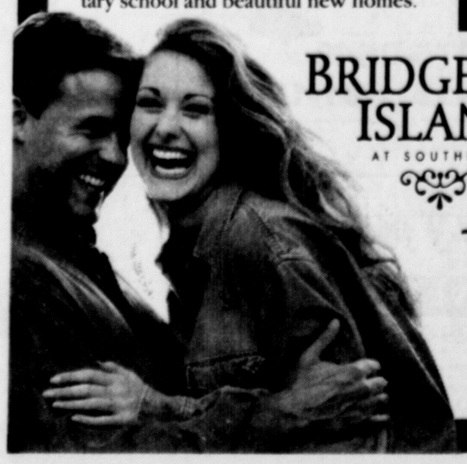
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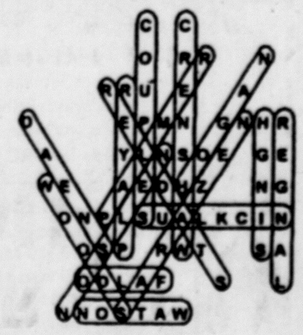
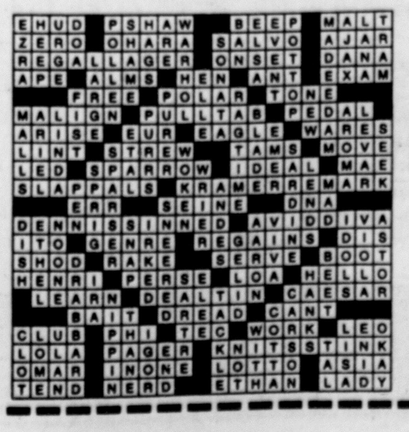
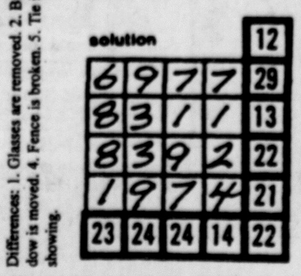
Answers to Sports Quiz & Puzzles

1. Twice — in 1969 with the Seattle Pilots (they became the Milwaukee Brewers in 1970) and in 1977 with the Seattle Mariners; 2. Cleveland's Steve Dunning did it against Oakland in 1971; 3. Twice — McMahon accomplished the feat in consecutive seasons (1980 and 1981); 4. Houston's Clyde Drexler (42) and Hakeem Olajuwon (40) did it versus Utah in 1995; 5. Once, in 1995; 6. 1988, 1990 and 1991 all saw 14 drivers win at least one NASCAR event; 7. He has won the British Open three times ('79, '84, '88) and the Masters twice ('80, '83).







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